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In re Application of: :
Cristian Tabacutu :
Application No. 09/870,039 : DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Filed: May 30, 2001 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Attorney Dckt No. NC25779 :

This is a decision on the Request for Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed February 14, 2002, to allow the assignee to proceed with the application on behalf of and as agent for the inventor.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

Petitioner has demonstrated that the non-signing inventor refuses to sign the application. Specifically, Petitioner established that the nonsigning inventor, Cristian Tabacutu, refuses to sign the declaration after being sent a copy of the above-identified application and declaration.

As provided in Rule 1.47(b), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (703) 305-0014.

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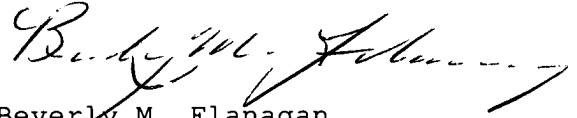
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Attorney Dckt No. NC25779 : **LETTER**

Dear Mr. Tabacutu:

You are named as inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the inventor.

As the named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Petitions Attorney Derek L. Woods at (703) 305-0014. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).


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